

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF RAWHIDE'S BLAZE

E. Marks of Tonopah and Rawhide Tells Story of Conflagration in Which He Loses \$70,000—W. S. Dawson Becomes a Raving Maniac—Lot Jumpers and Looters Threatened With Hanging.

E. Mark returned from the fire-stricken city of Rawhide yesterday. Speaking of the fire Mr. Marks said: "It was a dreadful affair. When the alarm was sounded the citizens rushed to the scene with a number of chemical extinguishers which had been directed to the fire in the interior of the building, would, in my judgment, have put out the fire. They were, however, carried to the roofs of the buildings and consequently when the flames ate their way through the drug store they had gained too much headway for the fire fighters to combat successfully. The Ross hotel proved the undoing of the fire fighters. Built of the flimsiest of material, it served as a veritable tinder box for the flames and disappeared like a flash of powder in the pan.

In their desperate fight with the consuming element, many of the brave fighters sustained severe burns while others fell in the street prostrated with the intense heat.

Sad was the fate of the camp. No water could be had and as a last resort buildings were dynamited to arrest the fast approaching, hell-heated tongues of flame. Dogs, their tongues parched with thirst raced up and down the streets barking and yelping with fear, perhaps to pass in front of the exploding buildings only to be hurled high in the air, their mangled bodies strewn the streets in every direction.

A man named W. S. Dawson added to the spectacle by running amuck on the streets screaming and gesticulating in maniacal fashion. The strain had proved too great, and it required the strength of six sturdy men to keep him from rushing into the flames and destroying himself. The man at the present time is a raving maniac and but little hope is held out for the restoration of his reason.

"Two hundred deputies were quickly sworn in and in a short time a score of looters, who had been caught at their abominable practices, were safely lodged behind the bars of the city jail.

"In the incredible short time of fifty-five minutes the entire business portion of the town was in flames and as the last crackling timber fell into the ashes it proved a monument, marking the extreme end of what was a few minutes before one of the most promising as well as spectacular mining camps that has ever risen on the desert of Nevada.

"The order was given to stop all sale of liquor. The local relief committee ordered all grocery and points of supply to not accept purchases only by written order from the committee. This rule was rigidly enforced. Those who were able to pay cash were required to have the endorsement of the committee as well as those who had no money. The measure was adopted by those in control, for the reason it was feared that many would suffer for food before relief could be obtained from the outside. Having the written order of the relief committee, those who had money paid for their provisions, while those who had nothing received supplies necessary to sustain them for the time.

"The dynamiting was started in what was formerly Ray Baker's saloon and was continued down to the Nevada club, which is directly across Rawhide avenue from the Moss corner and fronted Tex Rickard's place. The flames reached to a height of

several hundred feet, the atmospheric suction drawing large sheets of corrugated iron with it, casting them loose high above the town, where they fell crashing in various directions.

"A. Friedman, who had moved into his place of business but two days before, suffered a total loss. He and his wife were severely burned in an attempt to rescue some of their personal effects.

"An order was issued by those in charge of the camp at the present time that any one caught molesting property or attempting to jump lots would be hung.

"It is very gratifying for me to state that Tonopah was the first camp to arrive on the scene with supplies for the relief of the sufferers."

What the Bonanza's Reporter Saw and Heard While in Rawhide.

The many acts of heroism, the unavailing battle of its citizens to arrest the hungry flames of Friday morning at Rawhide, shows clearly and conclusively out of what kind of material the people of a Nevada mining camp is composed. Every man and woman was a fireman, and the battle with the flames was one of the most stubborn and valiant that was ever fought anywhere. People gave up every thought of self, and the battle was made for everybody. The mining men, under the direction of J. G. Flynn and others fought the flames with dynamite, but even at that the fight was an unequal one, and the camp seemed destined to go. Nine blocks of the most populous section of the camp were swept away, and only the fierce fighting of the people saved the entire camp from destruction.

Chief Dick Finn of the fire department was a host in himself, and was here there and everywhere, giving orders and helping out in the execution of them. His men proved themselves worthy of such a leader, and obeyed orders like clockwork.

Emil Grutt of company No. 1 blew up his own office for the safety of the other buildings in the neighborhood, and there were many such examples of unselfish devotion to the welfare of the camp. This stopped the fire on the south, and only two buildings on Balloon avenue succumbed to the flames. It was stopped on the other side of Nevada street by the further use of dynamite.

Not a building of any consequence escaped destruction. To the north the flames were checked at the Nevada Hotel corner. On the opposite side of the street everything was gutted, from the Bank of Rawhide for the balance of the block, but a valiant band of men saved the east side of the street by sheer force of fighting. They fought the advancing flames by hand, by water and by dynamite. They fought them with the fierceness of men engaged in battle with their fellowmen, and they won their fight. The hoist of the Grutt Hill Coalition was pressed into service to pull down buildings on the opposite side of the street.

Mrs. Wilson, owner of the Nev-

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MAN IS KILLED IN DUEL

TWO CHILDREN ARE SEVERELY WOUNDED IN DESPERATE BATTLE.

(By Associated Press.)
WINNEMUCCA, Nev., Sept. 5.—Word was received late last night of a tragedy occurring at Willow Point, near here, in which Ed McKinsie, a prospector, was killed by C. F. Hanson, whose two children were severely wounded during a desperate rifle duel lasting over half an hour. Trouble arose over a disputed mining claim.

RESTING UP FOR TOUR OF STATES

(By Associated Press.)
FAIRVIEW, Sept. 5.—With practically everything requiring immediate attention disposed of, William J. Bryan, after a comparatively busy morning spent the remainder of the day resting, preparatory to his campaign tour of the middle west and eastern states which begins tomorrow afternoon. Bryan will invade the east for about three weeks, during which time he is scheduled to make many speeches and will hold a conference with the Democratic leaders of the country. Arriving in Chicago Monday he will confer with the national committee, but will suspend the conference long enough to deliver a Labor day address. The political ground is to be gone over with his advisors on Tuesday. On Wednesday he speaks in Peoria and from there will travel eastward. It is reported that a monster Democratic rally will occur in New York City when Bryan goes there the 17th instant. A political itinerary has provided for his absence from home until September 30, after which day he will remain in Fairview for at least three weeks.

WORLD'S RECORD AGAIN BROKEN

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 5.—D. E. Palma in a ninety horse power machine this afternoon at the state fair, broke the world's record for a mile circular track, covering the distance in 51 seconds flat. The former record was 52 seconds, made by Walter Christie last year on the same track.

TAFT TO TRAVEL DURING OCTOBER

MIDDLE BASS ISLAND, Sept. 5.—William H. Taft will make a traveling campaign during the month of October, devoting his time principally to those states which the national committee may consider doubtful if the ideas of both candidate and Nation Chairman Hitchcock, as expressed today, are carried out. Taft indicated today, although the greatest demand for his presence came from the west, this would not preclude his appearance in the eastern states, and that when the tour was finally decided upon, it would undoubtedly reach both east and west.

FOREST FIRES RAGING

ONE TOWN COMPLETELY DESTROYED—OTHERS IN DANGER.

(By Associated Press.)
CHISHOLM, Minn., Sept. 5.—This town with 4000 people, ninety miles north of Duluth, is completely wiped out. Hibbin, five miles from Chisholm, is surrounded by fires tonight and the city was in danger until the wind shifted. The entire northern portion of Douglas county, Wisconsin, is afire and several small settlements have been destroyed and hundreds of farmers driven from their homes by the flames. The most destructive of the many forest fires was that which embraced Chisholm in its fiery grip and completely destroying it. The fire has been burning three days. At noon today three walls of fire joined, making a semi-circle of threatening flames which swept toward the little mining town with a rush and a roar. The citizens of Chisholm for a time fought the flames but still they came onward until at last it was seen impossible to save the town. So quickly did the fire communicate to the outlying buildings that the citizens did not have time to save their household goods or personal belongings. The people had ample time to escape with their lives and in a short time the roads leading from the town were thronged with fleeing people. Conveyances were at a premium and business men ran home to get their families, many separations occurring, as they in turn fled toward the business districts. The Great Northern, the only road running into Chisholm, took fifteen box cars loaded with the homeless people to Hibbin this evening, where citizens are throwing open their houses and throwing up tents to take care of the refugees, who are entering the city by the hundreds. Late tonight it was estimated that 10,000 persons are homeless. The only building now standing in Chisholm is the new \$125,000 high school. Property loss there is estimated at \$2,000,000.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 5.—Forest fires which have been burning the past three days have closed in on several towns and settlements near Duluth this afternoon, wiping them out and rendering several hundred persons homeless, destroying property worth several millions of dollars and sweeping overland to many counties in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota.

AUTHORITIES ORDER BANKS CLOSED

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, Sept. 5.—Two financial institutions, the Cosmopolitan National bank and Mount Washington Savings and Trust company were closed today by orders from the federal and state banking authorities. Neither concern is very large. According to the Cosmopolitan National bank officials' last statement the concern showed liabilities of \$1,261,830.96. The cashier declared available cash on hand of nearly 50 per cent of liabilities.

BODIES FOUND NEAR CANAL

(By Associated Press.)
ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 5.—After a search since Wednesday the bodies of Mrs. Diana Fenstermacher, a widow, and daughter Eva, aged 11, were found today at Lehigh canal, near Catasqua, Pennsylvania. It is believed that the woman clasped her child in her arms and then leaped into the water.

DEMOCRATS HOLD RED HOT PRIMARIES

**Baker-McFadden and Cole
Factions Fight and Former
are in the Lead--Counting
Promises to Last Until Mid-
night.**

True to tradition and with the late convention as a guiding star the Democrats of Tonopah fought and struggled through a primary election yesterday afternoon. For seven exciting hours the Baker-McFadden faction bucked the Cole brigade and when the ballots were finally counted last night they totaled 880. No, that does not signify that there are 880 Democrats in all of Tonopah. On the contrary it means that the greater portion of those who went down to the polling place yesterday were those anxious for a free automobile ride. It is notorious that at least a hundred, perhaps more, were not even American citizens. To these straits do the party leaders resort in times of trouble.

One or two flat encounters helped to liven the occasion. Up to midnight less than 150 ballots had been counted. There are fifty-seven candidates and only thirty-six delegates are to be chosen for the convention which meets on September 17.

Two tickets struggled for supremacy and because of the scratching the counting is progressing very slowly. The tickets are being tallied at the rate of about thirty per hour, which means that the result will not be definitely known until sometime tonight. The votes are being counted by Al Kallher, Dan Corbett, Dave Young, William Grimes and "Lex" Diggs.

At midnight the Baker-McFadden

ticket was about thirty votes ahead, and this side of the ticket is claiming a victory. Neither Baker nor Cole could be seen. Both aspirants for the Democratic nomination for district attorney retired early last night, each confident of victory.

The Baker men are claiming a victory by 200 votes or more, though some are yet doubtful as to the outcome. The same condition prevails in the Cole ranks, many of them claiming an easy victory for their ticket, while others maintain that their favorite will not have more than 300 votes when the result is announced.

Sheriff Owens, Chief of Police Malley, Marshall, McQuillan and several others were on both tickets. Owens is running right along with both tickets. Indications are that he has captured the entire delegation for the nomination for sheriff and will have no opposition for renomination.

Owens and his men took no part in the primaries, being content to sit back and watch the struggle, confident in either event that the delegation would be for Nye county's popular sheriff.

It is around the district attorneyship that the struggle is being made and to this fight is due the interest in the affair of yesterday.

Returns from Beatty last night show that Owens, Grimes and Baker carried that town.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE FOR ENGLAND

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Rev. D. G. Campbell-Morgan, the noted English preacher, arrived today from Europe and declared in an interview that he is in favor of woman suffrage, and that before long women will be voting in England. He said that both political parties of Great Britain favor it, but that for political reasons no big leader of either party can very well come out as a champion of the cause.

LEAGUE TEAMS TO PLAY TODAY

Today the Montana and Millers team will play ball at Millers. The game promises to be a lively one as both teams are on their metal.

At Tonopah the Eagles-Elks will cross bats with the Mizpahs.

Monday the Montanas and Mizpahs will play at Tonopah, while the Eagles-Elks will also struggle for supremacy with the Millers team at Millers.

TWO WEDDINGS IN THIS CITY

Married at the pastor's study by Rev. G. N. Gardner on August 31, 1908, Daniel Gidic and Arka Mikovic, both of Tonopah. Mr. Gidic is a miner and says they are well satisfied with Tonopah and will make this city their home.

Married at the pastor's study by Rev. G. N. Gardner on September 5, 1908, Marquis L. A. Tabbe of Lone Mountain, and Emma M. Leitgow of Oregon. The young couple left immediately for their camp at Lone Mountain.

CHARLES HUGHES IN GREAT DEMAND

(By Associated Press.)
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Sept. 5.—Aside from formally defining the issues of both national and state the opening of the Republican campaign in Ohio here today, according to Republican critics, has developed an important fact, namely, that Governor Charles Hughes of New York will be in great demand outside his own state during the national campaign. Senator Beveridge of Indiana, with Governor Hughes, delivered impressive speeches which dealt with the national issues and were received by thousands of listeners with great enthusiasm. Both Hughes and Beveridge dealt kindly with Bryan in a personal capacity, but insisted that he was a "Dreamer of dreams; a preacher and not an executive." Glowing tributes were paid to Roosevelt.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Results of Yesterday's Games.
Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 3 (first game); Brooklyn, 6; Boston, 0 (second game).
New York, 5; Philadelphia, 1.
Chicago, 11; Pittsburgh, 0.
Cincinnati, 6; St. Louis, 5.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Chicago, 7; Cleveland, 0.
Philadelphia, 3; Boston, 2.
St. Louis, 2; Detroit, 1.
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.
San Francisco, 2; Oakland, 1.
Portland, 1; Los Angeles, 0.

SIR MARTIN WINS STAKES.
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—John Madden's colt Sir Martin this afternoon won the Flatbush stakes at Sheepshead Bay. James Keene's Maskette finished second with Fayette third. Keene's Ballot won the Century stakes, one and one-half miles, and in doing so set a new track record of 2:30 3-5.